

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 4. (canceled)

1           5. (new) An extruder for making a curved workpiece, the  
2 extruder comprising:

3           an extruder frame including a counterbeam extending  
4 transversely of an extrusion direction and formed with a recess  
5 that is throughgoing in the direction;

6           a tool recessed in the recess and including a die having  
7 a downstream face spaced upstream in the direction from a  
8 downstream side of the counterbeam;

9           means for pressing a hot metal block against an upstream  
10 face of the die and thereby extruding a strand in the direction  
11 from the downstream face of the die; and

12           means immediately downstream of the die for applying a  
13 transverse external force to the strand to bend it.

1           6. (new) The extruder defined in claim 5 wherein the  
2 tool includes a pressure plate that extends completely through the  
3 counterbeam in the extrusion direction.

1           7. (new) The extruder defined in claim 6 wherein the  
2 die and press plate form a funnel-shaped outlet opening flaring in  
3 the extrusion direction away from the downstream face of the die.

1                   8. (new) The extruder defined in claim 6, further  
2 comprising  
3                   cylinders braced between the pressure plate and the die  
4 for pushing the die out of the pressure plate.